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SUBJECT: IWC: PROJECT JONAH ATTACK ON GOA COMMISSIONER

BOLLEN

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LONDON FOR IWC DELEGATION

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. NGO'S WERE NOT BRIEFED ON SPECIFIC REPLIES OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO USG PROPOSALS CONCERNING FORTHCOMING IWC MEETING, NOR WERE TEXTS MADE AVAILABLE. NGO REPS PARTICIPATED IN PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING, BUT GOVERNMENT REPS LIMITED DESCRIPTION TO INFORMATION THAT WE HAD MADE APPROACHES AND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES' SENTIMENT WAS OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST RE-INTRODUCTION OF MORATORIUM.

2. THERE IS OF COURSE POSSIBILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED LEAK BY SOME MISGUIDED CONSERVATION ENTHUSIAST WITHIN USG. WE HAVE UNTIL NOW HAD NO REASON TO SUSPECT SUCH A LEAK. UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY WAY TO PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY WOULD BE THROUGH FULL SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF ALL RECIPIENTS OF CABLE TRAFFIC, AND EVEN SUCH INVESTIGATIONS IN PAST HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY FRUITFUL. AS REFTEL RECOGNIZES, LEAK IN WASHINGTON IS BY NO MEANS A CERTAINTY.

3. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, INCIDENT APPEARS TO RELATE TO EXCHANGE IN MARCH RATHER THAN TO MORE RECENT DISCUSSION.

4. IWC DELEGATES ALREADY IN LONDON MAY BE ABLE TO THROW LIGHT ON QUESTION RAISED BY EMBASSY.

5. SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY LONDON THAT ABOVE ACCOUNT IS CORRECT, SUGGEST EMBASSY GIVE EXPLANATION PARAS 1 AND 2 TO RYAN, EXPRESS APOLOGIES IF A LEAK DID IN FACT OCCUR IN WASHINGTON.

6. THIS MESSAGE BEING SENT TO INFO ADDRESSEES TO ALLAY POSSIBLE CONCERN THAT THEIR CLASSIFIED REPORTING CABLES ON IWC MATTERS ARE BEING PASSED TO CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS. KISSINGER

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